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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Status

1. Claims 1-4 are pending in the instant application.
Claims 1-4 stand rejected.

Foreign Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submission on 6/9/2006 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-4 are a system of software. Since there is no hardware defining the system it is software per se. Page 12 third paragraph states "As above-mentioned, the method of the present invention can be embodied as a program and stored in recording

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media (CD-ROM, RAM, floppy disk, hard disk, magneto-optical disk, etc.) readable by a computer.”

Any claim not directly rejected on 35 U.S.C 101 stands rejected due to its dependency.

To expedite a complete examination of the instant application, the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C 101(nonstatutory) above are further rejected as set forth below in anticipation of applicant amending these claims to place them within the four statutory categories of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent No. 6,127,970 to Lin, hereinafter “Lin”.

Regarding claim 1 Lin discloses a satellite simulation modeling system based on an interface standard model, the system comprising:

a satellite subsystem standard model for simulating operations of physical satellite subsystems [Lin: Figure 1, item 30, the integrated GPS/INS system 30 to be tested (Column 6, lines 53-63)];

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a flight software module for generating a control signal changing operation state of the satellite subsystem standard model [Lin: Figure 1, item 10, Produce real time trajectory data from the 6DOF trajectory generator 10 and send the real time trajectory data to the coupled real time GPS/IMU emulation system 20. The real time trajectory data are defined by the user (Column 6, line 63 – Column 7, line 2)];

an interface standard model for converting data transmitted from the satellite subsystem standard model and the flight software module into data to receiving components and transmitting the converted data to the receiving components

[Lin: Figure 1, item 20, Generate output data including real time IMU data, identical to the real IMU device in a designed mission, by the IMU model of the coupled real time GPS/IMU emulation system 20, and the GPS measurements by the GPS receiver model in the GPS/IMU emulation system 20. Format the GPS measurement data and convert the real time IMU data into IMU simulated electronic signals by an IMU signal generator in the coupled real time GPS/IMU emulation system 20. The IMU signal generator is in fact an interface board in an emulation computer provided in the coupled real time GPS/IMU emulation system 20. The IMU signal generator produces the IMU simulated electronic signals that are identical to those produced by the real IMU device 32 in the integrated GPS/INS system 30. Process the simulated GPS measurements and generated IMU simulated electronic signals by a standard interface and a regulator and connector circuit to form suitable electrical specifications and connector pin arrangement that is compatible to the integrated GPS/INS system 30 (Column 7, lines 3-21)]; and

a model managing means for generating the satellite subsystem standard model and the interface standard model as independent component objects and controlling each component object to perform satellite simulation

[Figure 1, item 40, Collect test data from the integrated GPS/INS system 30, during the test, by a data acquisition and performance evaluation system 40 which includes a computer. Usually the comparison between the reference 6DOF trajectory data and the integrated GPS/INS resolved vehicle trajectory data is done to determine whether the integrated GPS/INS system 30 works properly and to evaluate its performance (Column 7, lines 28-34)].

Regarding claim 2 Lin discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the interface standard model includes data processing information and data link information,

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and wherein the data processing information and the data link information are modified when the satellite subsystems standard model is changed [Lin: Column 7, lines 3-21].

Regarding claim 3 Lin discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the interface standard model includes:

a data processor for converting data transmitted from the satellite subsystem standard model and the flight software module to data appropriate to the receiving component based on characteristics and a structure of the data;a data information provider for extracting the data link information and the data processing information stored in a data storage and providing the data link information and the data processing information to the data processor [Figure 2, items 221 and 222, Column 7, line 61 – Column 8 line 15];

the data storage for storing the data link information and the data processing information [Lin: The GPS satellite constellation simulation 212 reads orbit parameters, satellite clock parameters, and atmospheric parameters from ephemeris data 211, which are stored in a GPS/IMU emulation computer (Column 8, lines 16-32)]; and

a data port for receiving the data from the satellite subsystem standard model and the flight software module and transmitting the data processed in the data processor to the receiving components [Lin: Figure 2, items, 22 and 24].

Regarding claim 4 Lin discloses the system as recited in claim 3, wherein the data processor converts telemetry data transmitted from the satellite subsystem

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standard model to data appropriate to the flight software according to characteristics and a structure of the telemetry data and converts telecommand data transmitted from the flight software module to data appropriate to the satellite subsystem standard module based on telecommand data processing information according to characteristics and a structure of the telecommand data [Lin: Figure 2 item 23, The interface board 23 includes a GPS emulation input/output interface 231 and an IMU emulation input/output interface 232 (Column 7, lines 35-60)].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUKE OSBORNE whose telephone number is (571)272-4027. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul L. Rodriguez can be reached on (571) 272-3753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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